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SECRET ROUTINE

22 JANUARY 1945

TO: DET GHQ SWPA

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(SPXAOP) CIVIL MAIL FOR PHILIPPINES WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO
LEYTE BY NAVY AND BE LABELED "TACLOBAN, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS" -
PHILIPPINE CIVIL MAIL" RMYRAD W-88119, 6 JANUARY. ADVISE
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO CONTACT FLEET POST OFFICE ON LEYTE AND
ARRANGE TO RECEIVE SUCH MAILS. INFORM WHEN CHANGE IN THIS
DISPATCH AND LABELING IS PRACTICABLE.

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Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff
and
Secretary of National Defense and Communications.

APO 501
22 January 1945

Honorable Jaime Hernandez
Secretary of Finance
Commonwealth of the Philippines
1617 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Secretary Hernandez:

It is requested that the following postmarking stamps be procured for use in the province of Leyte.

- a. One (1) steel "Dispatch" stamp with the following specifications: Circular, 1-1/8" in diameter with the wordings "TACLOBAN, LEYTE, PHIL." symmetrically inscribed around, set about 1/16" from the circumference. The dating stamp at the center should include month (in abbreviation), day, hour and year. Sample of the stamp is attached herewith.
- b. One (1) steel "Dispatch" stamp of the same specifications as in a, for each of the following towns:

TANAUAN, LEYTE, PHIL.
DULAG, LEYTE, PHIL.
BURAUE, LEYTE, PHIL.
DAGAMI, LEYTE, PHIL.
ABUYOG, LEYTE, PHIL.
ALANGALANG, LEYTE, PHIL.
CARIGARA, LEYTE, PHIL.
BARUGO, LEYTE, PHIL.
BAYBAY, LEYTE, PHIL.
ORMOC, LEYTE, PHIL.
CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, PHIL.
PASTRANA, LEYTE, PHIL.
SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE, PHIL.

- c. One (1) steel "Rec'd." stamp with the following specifications: Circular, 1-1/8" diameter, with wordings "TACLOBAN, LEYTE, PHIL." around the upper portion, set about 1/16" from the circumference, and "REC'D." at the bottom. The

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dating stamp at the center should include month (in abbreviation), day, hour and year. Sample of the stamp is attached herewith.

- d. One (1) steel "Rec'd." stamp with the same specifications as in c for each of the towns indicated in b.

Rubber stamps may be substituted in case steel stamps are not available.

Sincerely yours,

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications.

BJV:FHO.

Encls: 1 sample of Postmarkings
"Dispatch" & "Rec'd."

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS

BUREAU OF POSTS
Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

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1st Indorsement

November 26, 1944

Respectfully forwarded to The Honorable, The Secretary
of National Defense and Communications, Tacloban, Leyte, re-
commending favorable action.

The Dispatching Postmarking stamp should have the fol-
lowing wording: "Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines" or its abbrev-
iation "Phils".

The Receiving Postmark should have the following word-
ing: "Tacloban, Leyte, Phils. Rec'd".

Acting Post-Office Inspector

Signature and address of Sender
(Not for transmission)

BUREAU OF POSTS

NOTE.—Senders of telegrams or cablegrams written in a dialect or language other than English, or treating of quotation of prices, are requested to ask for repetition of said messages.

TELEGRAM FOR TRANSMISSION

LANGUAGE USED

... English	... Pampango
... Spanish	... Tagalog
... French	... Zambal
... Japanese	... Bicol
... Ilocano	... Visayan
... Ibanag	... Code or cipher
... Pangasinan	... OtherS

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TIME FILED

CHECK

Send following message subject to condition that Bureau of Posts shall not be liable for any damage howsoever same may arise.

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Signature and address of Sender
(Not for transmission)

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 14, 1944

The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

Sir :

After verification has been made, I found out that the following post-offices are also in need of canceling post-marking (Dispatching) and receiving postmarking stamps in addition to Tacloban as per our requisition dated November 26, 1944:

Tanauan, Leyte, Philippines
Dulag, Leyte, Philippines
Burauen, Leyte, Philippines
Dagami, Leyte, Philippines
Abuyog, Leyte, Philippines
Alangalang, Leyte, Philippines
Carigara, Leyte, Philippines
Barugo, Leyte, Philippines
Baybay, Leyte, Philippines
Ormoc, Leyte, Philippines
Capoocan, Leyte, Philippines
Pastrana, Leyte, Philippines
San Miguel, Leyte, Philippines

All of the above post-offices have either been looted or destroyed by fire; hence their supplies and records including postmarking stamps are now missing.

In view of this, I earnestly request that requisition be made to supply them with the necessary postmarking stamps, preferably steel, but if steel is not available, rubber stamps with complete dates may be utilized for the purpose.

Very respectfully,

B. CURTAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

N. B.

Attached are sample postmarking stamps for Tacloban, Leyte.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS
Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

January 18, 1945

The Acting Postmaster
Tacloban, Leyte

S i r :

This is to inform you that your authorized cash reserve is FIVE HUNDRED pesos (P500.00). Whenever the said amount is exceeded, deposit the surplus to the Provincial Treasurer in accordance with the Accounting Regulation as stated in the Manual.

Respectfully,

B. GUNANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

Copy for:

✓ The Honorable, The Secretary of National Defense and
Communications, Tacloban, Leyte
Honorable Ismael Mathay, Budget and Finance Commissioner
Tacloban, Leyte

Signature and address of Sender
(Not for transmission)

Capt Mayson

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of National Defense and Communications
BUREAU OF POSTS
Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

January 11, 1945

SUBJECT: Reopening of Post-Offices.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

S i r :

As we have now sufficient postage stamps to distribute to the different post-offices which have not yet been reopened, it is my plan to reopen them as soon as possible. But before this can be done, it would be necessary to make arrangement as to how the different post-offices can be connected thru a system of mail routes as before the outbreak of the war.

For this purpose it shall be necessary to have at least three mail trucks to transport the mails to the different towns of Leyte in accordance with the following proposed mail routes:

1. Mail Route "Tacloban-Baybay" via Palo, Tanauan, Dagami, Burauen, Dulag and Abuyog. One truck is needed to transport the mails between these places, two or three times weekly. The letter-carriers at Tolosa and La Paz may be required to carry the mails to Tanauan and Dulag respectively by either foot or by horse.
2. Mail Route "Tacloban-Ormoc" via Alangalang, Jaro, Carigara and Capocan. One mail truck is also needed to transport the mails on this route. The letter-carriers at Pastrana, San Miguel and Barugo may be required to carry the mails to Palo, Alangalang and Carigara respectively by either foot or by horse.
3. Mail Route "Baybay-Libagon" via Inopacan, Hindang, Hilongos, Bato, Matalom, Maasin, Macrohon, Malitbog and Sogod, also by mail truck.

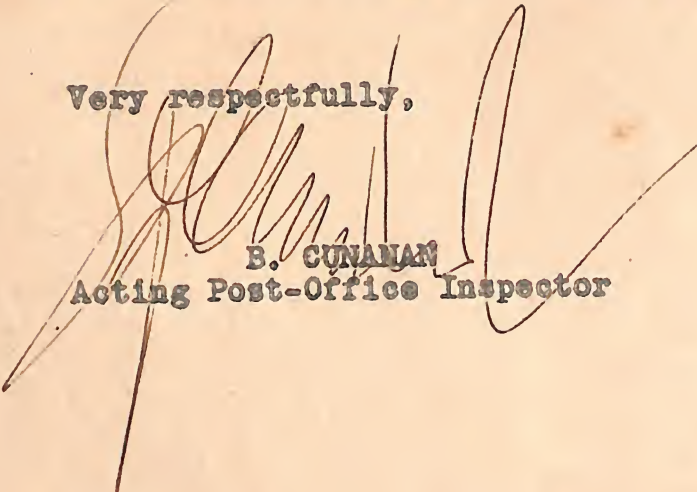
To the other towns not mentioned above, mails may be carried by employing Mail Messengers from one office to another who may utilize sailboats or horses to transport the mails.

As can be seen from the above, the most important thing is to provide the means of transporting the mails

which can only be done by means of motor vehicles, in view of the long distance from one point to another. Once this is solved, it would be an easy matter to reopen the post-offices altho in certain towns the entire post-office quarters including supplies and records were entirely reduced to ashes and in certain cases they have been looted by undetermined persons. However, this can be partly solved as I have a small stock of supplies which can be distributed altho in a limited quantity.

In view of this, I strongly recommend the procurement of three mail trucks for the purpose as above stated, so that the reopening of the other post-offices shall not be further delayed.

Very respectfully,



B. CUNANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff

APC 501
19 January 1945

Mr. B. Cunanan
Acting Post-Office Inspector
Tacloban, Leyte.

Dear Mr. Cunanan:

When you submit your monthly report covering the activities of the various post-offices in the Province of Leyte, please emphasize the difficulties we have encountered in the delivery of mail to other towns due to lack of transportation. Include in it also the work performed by Mr. Quisumbing in the repair of telegraph lines and the date telegraphic communication to other towns was inaugurated.

Please instruct the post-masters of other towns to submit to you not later than the fifteenth of each month complete information about their activities so that you may mention them in your report.

Sincerely yours,

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS

Tacloban, Leyte.
January 11, 1945


The Post-Office Inspector,
Tacloban, Leyte.
(Thru the Postmaster)

Sir:

In connection to the resumption of the telegraph service, I wish to suggest that in addition to the land-lines to the interior towns from Tacloban to Abuyog and from Tacloban to Carigara already being constructed, radio transmitters and receivers be installed at Tacloban and Baybay to handle all telegraph business for and from the west coast of Leyte.

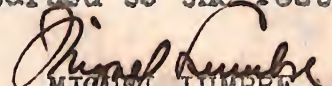
50 Watt short-wave transmitters is about the correct transmitters for Tacloban and Baybay. I also suggest that the radio technicians of the U. S. Army be consulted as to the proper kind and power of transmitters and receivers to be installed, and location in suitable places for operations.

Very respectfully,


Isidro D. Pamintuan
Acting Telegraph Operator

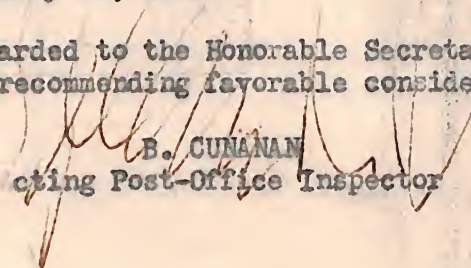
1st Indorsement,
Jan. 12/45

Respectfully forwarded to the Postoffice Inspector.


MIGUEL LUMERE,
Acting Postmaster

2nd Indorsement
January 13, 1945

Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable Secretary, National Defense and Communications, recommending favorable consideration.


B. CUNANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS
Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

January 9, 1945

The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

Sir:

In connection with the new Victory Postage Stamps, which were recently received here, I have the honor to recommend that the FIRST DAY OF SALE be publicized in the local newspapers for the benefit of stamp collectors and of those others who may wish to have FIRST DAY COVERS as souvenirs for the occasion. Eventually we shall be raising more revenue to the Government.

The following is suggested to be printed on the First Day Covers or a CACHET shall be ordered for the purpose:

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE
OF THE REGULAR VICTORY STAMPS
LIBERATED PHILIPPINES
January 17, 1945

Very respectfully,

B. SUN HAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

1st Indorsement
January 9, 1945

Respectfully returned to the Acting Postoffice Inspector,
Tacloban, Leyte, approved, but the First Day of Issue shall be January 19, 1945,
and with the following wording on the Cachet:

FIRST DAY COVER
FIRST REGULAR VICTORY STAMPS
Sold in reopened Post-Offices
in the Liberated Philippines
January 19, 1945

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major General P. A., Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications

X Postage Stamp

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Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff

APO 501
6 January, 1945.

MEMORANDUM for:

Lt.-Colonel Francisco J. Dy, MC

Mr. Benedicto Cunanan, Acting Post-Office Inspector of Leyte Province, has brought to me the bearer, Mr. Emilio Villanueva, former Disbursing Officer of the Cebu City Post-Office, so that I could give him a letter of recommendation to the PCAU. He would like to work in any of the PCAU units at Alang-Alang or Carigara.

I am referring him to you for whatever help you may be able to give him.

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff.

PHO.

Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Office of the Chief of Staff.

APO 501
6 January, 1945.

Mr. B. Cunanan
Acting Post-Office Inspector
Tacloban, Leyte.

Dear Mr. Cunanan:

The bearer, Lt.-Colonel D. M. Cheston, III, desires to buy four or six complete sets of "Victory" overprinted Philippine Commonwealth stamps. Inasmuch as our new stamps have arrived to-day, I have no objection to your selling them. Please attend to Colonel Cheston.

Sincerely yours,

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications.

BJV:PHO.

Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff
and Secretary of National Defense and
Communications.

In the Field
5 January, 1945.

Mr. Lorenzo Amigo
Barrio San Joaquin
Tinambacan, Samar.

c/o Postmaster
Calbayog, Samar.

Dear Mr. Amigo:

Your letter of 1 January, 1945, applying for a position in the Bureau of Posts has been received. In reply, please be advised that your application cannot be favorably considered as information has been received that you retired from the Bureau of Posts about fifteen years ago under the Gratuity Act. In accordance with the provisions of that Act, you can not be reemployed unless the refund of the gratuity you received is made.

Sincerely yours,

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications.

BUREAU OF POSTS
TELEGRAM FOR TRANSMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

1st Indorsement
Jan. 7, 1945

Respectfully returned to Major-General Basilio J. Valles, Secretary of National Defense and Communications, Tacloban, Leyte, with the information that as far as I know, the applicant Mr. Amigo resigned from the Bureau about fifteen years ago, may be under the gratuity act.

The Postmaster who served the last time under the Commonwealth is Mr. Antonio C. Docena, and until he is contacted and he refuses to serve again as Postmaster, I believe it would not be reasonable to employ another in his stead. Mr. Docena's last known address is Taft, Samar, his home town.

B. J. VALLES
Acting Post-Office Inspector

Signature and address of Sender
(Not to be filled in)

Tacloban, Leyte, P.I.

Jan 1, 1945.

Gen. Basilio J. Valdez

Chief of Staff P.I.

Secretary of National Defense
and Communications,
Tacloban, Leyte.

Sir: I wish you a happy New Year and also wish you good health and good luck.

I am a poor Samar citizen. I have come to your office to offer my services in the building of our government. I have been postmaster and operator in the Bureau of Posts for more than 23 years of continuous service and my last assignment was at Catbalogan, Samar.

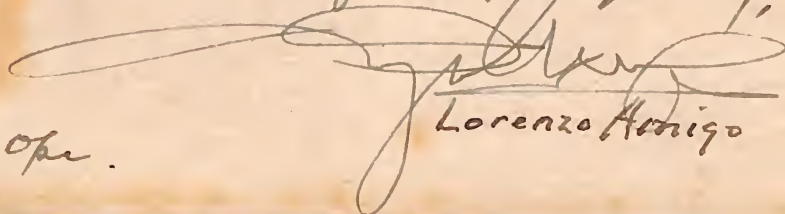
I know that my government will be much crippled in its employees because many of its former employees have gone to the American Navy and army for employment because of good salary being paid to them and many would be disqualified because they have collaborated with the Japanese government. This is true with the postal employees. Not to mention those who died during this critical period.

I am not interested of securing a job but I am interested to see that my country is given all the helps she needs during this period of trials by her beloved sons and daughters. I intend to resign as soon as my government has well organized all bureaus and all personals secured.

When the guerrilla in Samar was formally organized, General, I was one of those who suffered much because it was started in our barrio An Joaquin, Samar and I was one of those who extended helps to the guerrilleros. I managed their food and their lodging. Lt. E. Saliman called to An Joaquin all soldiers from North East, South and West for instructions and conference I had to see to it that all soldiers and officers reporting at An Joaquin were given food and housed. I have letter from Lt. E. Saliman recognizing the helps I and my family had extended to the guerrilleros and thanking us sincerely for such helps given.

If my services and experience in postal and telegraph works are needed I have the honor to offer.

Very Respectfully,



Lorenzo Aciego

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Inc:
Appointment as Pm. Ope.

Tacloban Jan 4, 1945

The Honorable Secretary of
Nat. Defense and Communications,

Thru the Postoffice Inspector,
Tacloban, Leyte.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have just arrived Tacloban, from the municipality of Bantayan, Cebu, where I had evacuated since last year. I was formerly the Postmaster of Zamboanga City for several years then transferred to Cebu City Postoffice and designated by the Director of Posts as Cashier and Spl. Disbursing Officer for that Postoffice.

Being out of work or employment since the Japanese invasion of Cebu, I would respectfully request that I be reinstated to my former position as soon as the province of Cebu is freed from our enemy. I would also request, for employment if there is any vacancy at present in this province.

Very respectfully,

Operator

1st Info. Sent

January 5, 1945

Respectfully forward to the Honorable Secretary of National Defense and Communications, Tacloban, a copy of my request for consideration. The undersigned knows Mr. Villanueva, who was Cashier and Special Disbursing Officer of the Cebu Postoffice. As soon as Cebu is liberated, it is recommended that he be reinstated there.

Very respectfully,

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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSESSOR

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SIR:

I have to inform you that the real property, declared by you for the purposes of taxation, as per copy of your declaration herewith enclosed, has been assessed and the stated value (and area) increased as therein set out.

Should you consider this assessment to be incorrect or unjust, you have the right of appeal. A form for this purpose which contains a full statement of the procedure to be followed may be obtained free of charge from the municipal secretary.

Should you wish to examine the tax declaration signed by you (and filed with the provincial assessor) the original may be seen at the office of the provincial treasurer or a copy thereof at the office of the municipal treasurer.

Tengo que avisarle que los bienes inmuebles, declarados por usted para los fines de la tributación, según copia de su declaración adjunta, han sido amillarados, y el valor (y área) declarados se han aumentado según consta en la misma.

Si usted estima que este amillaramiento es inexacto o injusto, tiene usted el derecho de apelación. Se puede obtener gratis del secretario municipal un modelo para este fin que contiene una exposición completa del procedimiento que debe seguirse.

Si usted quiere examinar la declaración para el amillaramiento firmada por usted (y presentada al tasador provincial) podrá ver el original en la oficina del tesorero provincial o una copia de la misma en la oficina del tesorero municipal.

Very respectfully,

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Provincial Assessor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of National Defense and Communications

BUREAU OF TRANSMISSION
Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

January 4, 1945

Mr. Emilio Villanueva
Former Cashier and Special Disbursing Officer
of the Cebu Post-Office
Now at Tacloban, Leyte

Sir :

In reply to your letter of even date, I wish to inform you that your request for reinstatement to your former position as Cashier and Special Disbursing Officer of the Cebu Post-Office shall be duly transmitted to The Honorable, the Secretary of National Defense and Communications for consideration. For the present, Cebu, as you know is still under the enemy's control.

In this connection, I regret to inform you that there is no vacancy to which you can be employed in this Province (Leyte) as only skeleton force for each office has been authorized.

Very respectfully,

B. CITANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff
and Secretary of National Defense and
Communications

APO 501
2 January, 1945

Mr. Canuto Gomez
23 Tomas Claudio St.
Tacloban, Leyte.

Dear Sir:

Your application for the position of Post-Office
Inspector has been received. In reply, I beg to advise
you that at present there is no vacancy to which you
could be appointed. However, your application will be
filed for reference as soon as a vacancy exists.

Truly yours,

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications.

BJV:FHO.

23 Tomas Claudio St.
Tacloban, Leyte
December 29, 1944

SUBJECT: Application for the position of postoffice inspector

Major-General Basilio J. Valdez
Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

S i r :

Anticipating that there will be need for postoffice inspectors in the near future in our Government, I have the honor to apply to fill one such position.

I qualified in the following Civil Service examinations:

<u>Name of Exam.</u>	<u>Year Taken</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Postoffice Inspector	1939	78.18%
2. First Grade (Regular)	1939	75.03%
3. Radio-telegraph Operator	1936	80%
4. Second Grade (Regular)	1936	86.5%
5. Asst. Sanitary Inspector	1936	77.7%

Starting as a student operator in the Bureau of Posts in December, 1934, I saw service in the Philippine Commonwealth as radio-telegraph operator, postmaster, clerk and as assistant chief of section. In October, 1941, I transferred to the Philippine Signal Depot, U. S. Army but, finding an opening in the Budget Commission, I transferred again to that Office where I stayed only until the Japs occupied Manila.

By force of extreme necessity--that is, I was broke, sick with malaria and with a family to feed--I sought employment in the Bureau of the Budget and Accounts of the Philippine government during the time of the Japs as clerk and bookkeeper beginning November 2, 1942, and subsequently, as a relief worker in March, 1944, with station in Tacloban, Leyte, up to the time of our redemption by the American forces.

At present, I am employed in the U. S. Labor Office.

I am a first year pre-law student, a typist, have knowledge of bookkeeping, accounting and has specialized in all sorts of postal business together with its rules and regulations.

Regarding my character, behavior and other personal circumstances, I may refer you to Mons. M. Mascarinas, Bishop of Palo, Mr. Juan Perez, Mr. Jose Brillo and Mr. Severo Villegas.

Very respectfully,

Canuto Gomez
CANUTO GOMEZ

Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff

APD 501
2 January, 1945.

His Excellency,
The President of the Philippines,
Tacloban, Leyte.

S i r :

I have the honor to forward to you for your approval, the proposed budget and plantilla of the Post-Office in the province of Leyte, submitted by Mr. B. Cunanan, Acting Post-Office Inspector. The Budget and Finance Commissioner has gone over it and certifies that it may be allowed in the total amount of ₱32,965.00.

I recommend approval.

Respectfully,

APPROVED:

(Sgd.) S. OSMENA
President, Commonwealth of
the Philippines.

BJV:FHO.

BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

Tacloban, Leyte
December 20, 1944

Dear General Valdes:

I am forwarding to you herewith the attached proposed budget and plantilla of the post-office personnel in the Province of Leyte submitted by Mr. B. Cunanan. I have gone over it and the same may be allowed in the total amount of ₱32,965.00 only, instead of ₱36,097.00 as submitted, subject to the approval of the President.

Sincerely yours,

ISMAEL MATHAY
Budget and Finance Commissioner

General Basilio J. Valdes
Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

Encl.:
Budget and plantilla.

(COPY)

December 12, 1944

The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herewith the proposed budget for the operation and maintenance of the postal and telegraph service in this Province (Leyte) for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1945.

You will please note that the personnel recommended for each office is only skeleton force. Additional personnel shall be recommended when the postal transactions so require.

The total amount needed for salaries, transportation of mails, lighting and traveling expenses is THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND NINETY-SEVEN pesos (P36,097.00). Expenses for supplies and equipments are not included in the said amount.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd.) B. CUNANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector.

Enclosed:

Proposed Budget as above stated.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS
Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

PROPOSED BUDGET AND PLANTILLA OF THE POST-OFFICE
PERSONNEL IN LEYTE PROVINCE FROM OCTOBER 27, 1944
TO JUNE 30, 1945

1. TACLOBAN : SAL. PER ANNUM : AMT. NEEDED:

(a) One P. O. Inspector	:	P1,920.00	:	P1,310.00
(b) One Clerk-Stenographer	:	480.00	:	330.00
(c) One Postmaster	:	1,440.00	:	980.00
(d) One Telegraph-Operator	:	1,320.00	:	900.00
(e) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00
(f) One Postal Clerk	:	720.00	:	360.00
(g) One Operator-Clerk	:	840.00	:	420.00
(h) One Telegraph Messenger	:	360.00	:	180.00
(i) One Driver	:	600.00	:	350.00

2. ABUYOG

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	660.00	:	385.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

3. ALANGALANG

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	780.00	:	455.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

4. ALBUERA

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer	:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

5. ANAHAWAN

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer	:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

6. BABATNGON

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer	:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

Total Carried Forward - - - : P6,674.00 R

Total Brought Forward - -

P 6,674.00 R
: 27,164.007. BARUGO

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	P 600.00	:	350.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

8. BATO

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

9. BAYBAY

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	960.00	:	560.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

10. BILIRAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

11. BURAUEN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	720.00	:	420.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

12. CABALIAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	720.00	:	360.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

13. CAIBIRAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	660.00	:	330.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

14. CALUBIAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

15. CAPOOCAN

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer	:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

Total Carried Forward - - - -

P 16,362.00 R
: 11,902.00

Total Brought Forward - - -

~~P 11,362.00~~
P 11,302.00

16. CARIGARA

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	P 780.00	:	455.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

17. DAGAMI

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	780.00	:	455.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

18. DULAG

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	600.00	:	350.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

19. HILONGOS

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	840.00	:	420.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

20. HINDANG

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer	:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

21. HINUNANGAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	660.00	:	330.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

22. HINUNDAYAN

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer	:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

23. INOPACAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

24. JARO

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	720.00	:	420.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

Total Carried Forward - - - -

~~P 16,048.00~~
P 16,588.00

Total Brought Forward - - -

16,048.00 R
116,588.00

25. KAUAYAN

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer:	P 216.00	:	108.00	
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

26. LA PAZ

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer:	216.00	:	126.- R	
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	108.00
			:	210.00

27. LEYTE

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

28. LIBAGON

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

29. LILOAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

30. MAASIN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	1,080.00	:	540.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

31. MACROHON

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

32. MALITBOG

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

33. MARIPIPI

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

34. MATALOM

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

35. MAKPA

Total Carried Forward - - -

20,368.- R 31
20,368.00

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
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Total Brought Forward - - -

~~20,368.00~~ ^{20,368.-P}

35. MERIDA

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	P 600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

36. NAVAL

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

37. ORMOC

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	1,080.00	:	540.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

38. PALO

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	400.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	240.00

39. PALOMPON

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	660.00	:	330.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

40. PASTRANA

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

41. PINTUYAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

42. SAN ISIDRO

(a) One Postmaster-Operator :	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

43. SAN MIGUEL

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer:	216.00	:	108.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier :	360.00	:	180.00

Total Carried Forward - - - -

~~25,734.00~~ ^{25,734.-P}

Total Brought Forward - - -

34,734.-
: P25,256.00

44. SOGOD

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	P 600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

45. TANAUAN

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	600.00	:	350.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

46. TOLOSA

(a) One Postmaster-Treasurer	:	216.00	:	126.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	210.00

47. VILLABA

(a) One Postmaster-Operator	:	600.00	:	300.00
(b) One Letter-Carrier	:	360.00	:	180.00

Total for salaries - - - - -

26,590.-
: P27,113.00

Approximate amount for Transportation of Mails -

2,000.00

Approximate amt. for traveling expense - - - -

500.-
1,000.00

Approximate amt. for lighting and water - - - -

50.00

Salaries for Sup. Lineman & Section Linemen - - -

3,325.-
5,105.00

Amount needed for their traveling expenses - - -

500.-
800.00

Grand Total - - - - -

32,965.-
P 32,965.00

Respectfully submitted.

[Signature]
B. CERNANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

APPROVED as altered in the total amount of P32,965.00.

~~ROMAN BARRAL~~
~~Budget and Finance Commissioner~~

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS
TACLOBAN, LEYTE


December 31, 1944

The Honorable
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

(Thru the Postoffice Inspector)

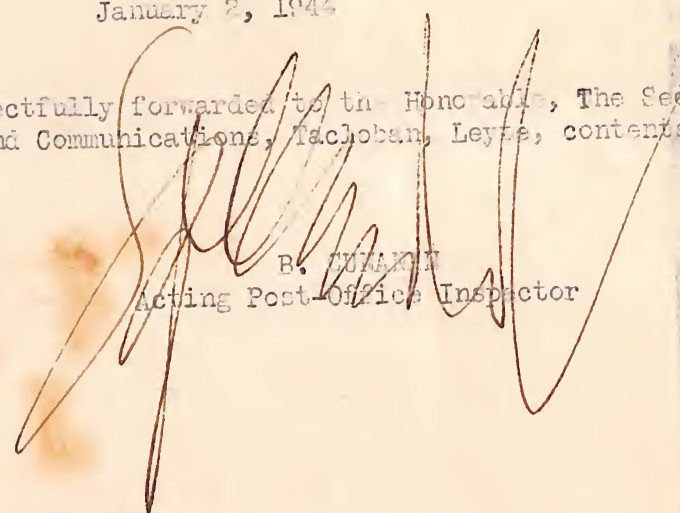
Sir:

I have the honor to report that the construction of two telegraph lines between Tacloban and Palo has been terminated today. Telegraph communication would function as soon as the batteries are received from the U. S. Army which I believe we could receive them within the first week of January, 1945.

Very respectfully,

GLICERIO QUISUMBING
Actg. Supg. Lineman

1st Indorsement
January 2, 1945

Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable, The Secretary of National Defense and Communications, Tacloban, Leyte, contents noted.


B. CRUZ
Acting Post-Office Inspector

NOTE - Sender of message or
 cablegram writes in a box at top
 of message the name of the person
 to whom the message is to be
 delivered. This name is not
 printed on the message but is
 for reference of the message.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
 DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS

BUREAU OF POSTS

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector

TACLOBAN, LEYTE

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December 27, 1944

The Honorable,
 The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
 Tacloban, Leyte

S i r :

I have the honor to inform you that on December 18,
 1944, I have reopened the Post-Office of DULAG, Leyte, for
 the transaction of ordinary mail matter only, with the fol-
 lowing personnel:

Mr. Doroteo Lacandazo, as Acting Postmaster-Treasurer,
 with a salary of ₱216.00 per annum, effective December 18,
 1944.

Mr. Exequiel Cañas, as Acting Letter-Carrier, with a
 salary of ₱360.00 per annum, effective December 19, 1944.

Very respectfully,

E. C. C. C. C.
 Acting Post-Office Inspector

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 20, 1944

The Honorable
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

S i r :

I have the honor to inform you that I have on the 14th instant re-opened the Postoffice of ABUYOG, Leyte, for the transaction of ordinary mail matter only, with the following personnel:

Mr. Andres V. Corpuz, as Acting Postmaster, with a salary of P660.00 per annum, effective December 7, 1944.

Mr. Marcelo Songalia, as Acting Letter Carrier, with a salary of P360.00, effective December 14, 1944.

Very respectfully,

B. CUMANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 21, 1944

The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

Sir :

I have the honor to inform that I have on the 18th instant re-opened the Postoffice of Tolosa, Leyte, for the transaction of ordinary mail matter only, with the following personnel:

Mr. Valentin Raz, as Acting Postmaster-Treasurer, with a salary of P216.00 per annum, effective December 18, 1944.

Mr. Arcadio Pundavela, as Acting Letter-Carrier with a salary of P360.00 per annum, effective December 18, 1944.

Very respectfully,

B. CUNANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

BUREAU OF POSTS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 20, 1944

The Honorable
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

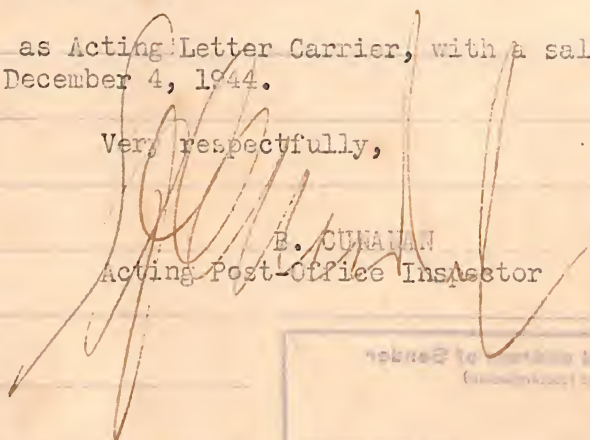
S i r :

I have the honor to inform you that I have on the 8th instant re-opened the Postoffice of TANAUAN, Leyte, for the transaction of ordinary mail matter only, with the following personnel:

Mr. Federico Badana, as Acting Postmaster, with a salary of ₱600.00 per annum, effective November 29, 1944.

Mr. Pedro R. Morante, as Acting Letter Carrier, with a salary of ₱360.00 per annum effective December 4, 1944.

Very respectfully,


E. CUNAHAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

BUREAU OF POSTS
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 30, 1944

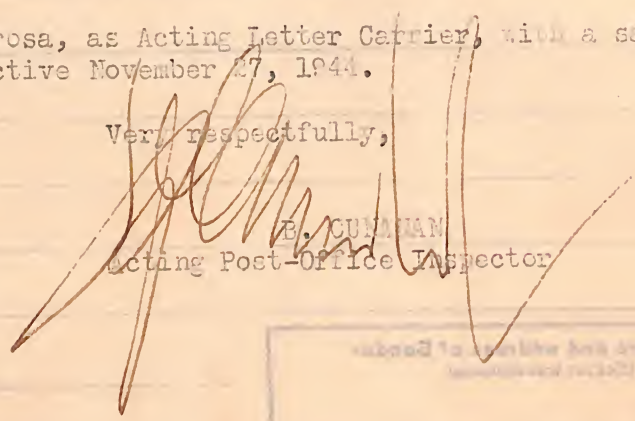
The Honorable Secretary of National Defense and Communications
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

Sir :

I have the honor to inform you that on November 18, 1944, I have re-opened the Postoffice of PALO, Leyte for the transaction of ordinary mail matter only, with the following personnel:

1. Mr. Julian D. Espiritu, as Acting Postmaster, with a salary of P600.00 per annum, effective November 10, 1944.
2. Mr. Manuel M. Negrosa, as Acting Letter Carrier, with a salary of P360.00 per annum, effective November 27, 1944.

Very respectfully,


E. CUMANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS

Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 20, 1944

The Honorable
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

S i r :

I have the honor to inform you that on November 8, 1944, I have re-opened the Postoffice of TACLOBAN, Leyte, for the transaction of ordinary mail matter only with the following personnel:

1. Mr. Benedicto Cunanan, as Acting Postoffice Inspector, with a salary of ₱1920.00 per annum, effective October 27, 1944.
2. Mr. Miguel Lumbré, as Acting Postmaster, with a salary of ₱1440.00 per annum, effective October 27, 1944.
3. Mr. Isidro D. Pamintuan, as Acting Telegraph Operator, with a salary of ₱1320.00 per annum, effective October 27, 1944.
4. Mr. Nicasio Cloma, as Acting Clerk-Stenographer, with a salary of ₱480.00 per annum, effective October 27, 1944.
5. Mr. Glicerio Quisumbing, as Acting Supervising Lineman, with a salary of ₱1380.00 per annum, effective November 16, 1944.
6. Mr. Juan C. Daban, as Acting Letter Carrier, with a salary of ₱360.00, per annum, effective December 5, 1944.

Adequate instructions have been issued to the Postmaster relative to the manner and system which he should follow in the transaction of business.

Very respectfully,

B. CUNANAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS
Office of the Acting Post-Office Inspector
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 24, 1944

The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

S i r :

I have the honor to submit the following report relative to the accomplishments made during the period from November 24th to December 23rd, 1944.

During the above period the following post-offices were reopened:

Tanauan was reopened on December 8, 1944
with the following personnel:
1. Mr. Federico Badana, Acting Postmaster,
salary per annum. - - - - - ₱600.00
2. Mr. Pedro R. Morante, Acting Letter-
Carrier, salary per annum. - - - - - 360.00

Abuyog was reopened on December 14, 1944
with the following personnel:
1. Mr. Andres V. Corpuz, Acting Postmaster,
salary per annum. - - - - - 660.00
2. Mr. Marcelo Songalia, Acting Letter-
Carrier, salary per annum. - - - - - 360.00

Tolosa was reopened on December 18, 1944
with the following personnel:
1. Mr. Valentin Raz, Acting Postmaster,
salary per annum. - - - - - 216.00
2. Mr. Arcadio Pundavela, Acting Letter-
Carrier, salary per annum. - - - - - 360.00

Dulag was reopened on December 18, 1944
with the following personnel:
1. Mr. Doroteo Lacandazo, Acting Postmaster,
salary per annum. - - - - - 216.00

Other appointments made are the following:

Mr. Manuel M. Negrosa, Acting Letter-
Carrier of Palo, salary per annum. - - - 360.00

Mr. Juan C. Daban, Acting Letter-Carrier
of Tacloban, salary per annum. - - - P 360.00

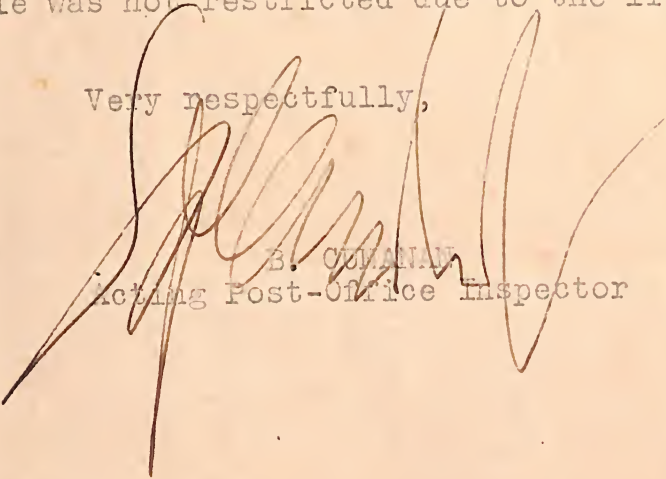
Total salaries. - - - P3,492.00

The postage stamps received by the Postmaster of Tacloban from Major General Valdes and the following postmasters were surcharged with the word "Victory" in the presence of the representative of the Provincial Auditor, Acting Postmaster Lumbré and myself.

Invoice No.	Recd. from	Ordinary stamps	O. B. stamps
10	General Valdes	P 3.84	
11	Pm. Palo	16.72	
12	Pm. Alangalang	266.26	P 16.56
13	Pm. Sta. Margarita	3.78	3.10
14	Pm. Inopacan	44.74 1/2	58.00
15	Pm. Tolosa	54.14	3.32
Totals		P389.48 1/2	P 80.98

The above-mentioned postage stamps have been made available for sale to the public. Until this date the total sale of the Acting Postmaster of Tacloban is FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE pesos and EIGHTY-SIX centavos (P525.86). It would have been more if the sale was not restricted due to the little stock on hand.

Very respectfully,


B. OYANIAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

CIVIL CENSORSHIP DETACHMENT
(1st C.A.D., Hq. 6th Army)
Office of AC of S, G-2
APO 442

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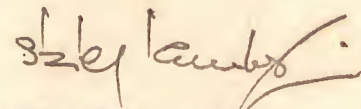
15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Commonwealth Postal Service.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

1. Mr. BENEDICTO CUNANAN, Acting Post Office Inspector, Insular Government is authorized to open and remove contents of postal safes, sealed by United States Army Forces in civilian post offices of Leyte and Samar, for the Auditor, Commonwealth Government.

2. This is required by virtue of his accountability of Postal Records and Finances.


STANLEY LAMBERT
Major, A.F.(Inf.)
Commanding

Copy for:

✓ The Honorable,
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

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CIVIL AFFAIRS REPORT

14 December 1944

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Civilian Postal Service: Mr. Andres V. Corpus was appointed as acting postmaster of Abuyog by the Commonwealth Government effective 7 December 1944. Mr. Corpuz has no way to transport the mail to Tacloban as he was directed to do on each Monday and Thursday. This unit will assist the Postmaster in every way. It is recommended, however, that in future cases satisfactory arrangements for transporting of civilian mail be made prior rather than subsequent to the order requiring opening of a post office.

/s/ Wm. C. Parker
/t/ WM. C. PARKER
Major, Infantry
Commanding

R E S T R I C T E D

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
ARMY HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

APD 500
13 December 1944

Hon. Ismael Mathay
Budget and Finance Commissioner
Tacloban, Leyte

Dear Mr. Mathay:

In connection with the reconstruction of post offices,
I would like to request that you extend to me your assistance.

For this purpose, I hereby confirm the authority I verbally gave to you to approve for the Secretary of National Defense and Communications assignment orders of postal employees as recommended and issued by the Acting Post Office Inspector of Leyte.

Thanking you for the assistance and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

BASILIO J. VALDÉS
Major General, Philippine Army
Chief of Staff
Secretary of National Defense
and Communications

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF POSTS
TACLOBAN, LEYTE

December 11, 1944.

The Honorable
The Secretary of National Defense and Communications
Tacloban, Leyte

(Thru the District Postoffice Inspector)

Sir :

I have the honor to submit herewith the estimate of labor expenses for the reconstruction of the Telegraph Lines between Tacloban and Palo:

For wages of two section linemen at P1.75	
a day for 10 days.....	P 35.00
For wages of eight laborers at P1.25 each	
for 10 days.....	P100.00
T O T A L - - - - -	P135.00

The two Section Linemen are SKILLED men who have been in the service of the Bureau of Posts for several years.

Very respectfully,

Glicerio Quisumbing
GLICERIO QUISUMBING
Acting Supervising Lineman
Bureau of Posts

1st Indorsement
Dec. 11, 1944

Respectfully forwarded to the The Honorable, The Secretary of National Defense and Communications, Tacloban, Leyte, recommending favorable consideration as it is believed that the wages as stated hereon are reasonable.

E. CUNYAN
Acting Post-Office Inspector

General Valdez:

I have no objection -
May be approved by you
[Signature]

Approved
[Signature]